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1. On 27 July 1952 the North Korean Ministry of Commerce was reorganized and divided into the following separate ministries:
 - a. Ministry of Heavy Industry, headed by CHONG Il-ro (6774/2480/5071), with KIM Hyŏn-suk (6855/6881/3219) as vice minister.
 - b. Ministry of Light Industry, headed by KIM Chong-ŭk (6855/6945/2485), with KIM Chŏm-kwŏn (6855/7820/2938) as vice minister.
 - c. Ministry of Chemical Industries, headed by PAEK Hong-kwŏn (4101/3163/2938).²
2. On 24 November 1952 the Haeju branch of the Bureau of Business Management of the North Korean Ministry of Commerce was in a cave 50 meters long, 40 meters wide, and 2.5 meters high at YC-376141 in Okkye-dong (N 38-03, E 125-42) (YC-3714). This branch was in charge of all government-owned stores and controlled private enterprises in the Haeju area. The branch had the following officials: director, KANG Hyo-sik (1203/1321/2784); deputy director, YI Ch'un-sik (2621/2504/2784); assistant to the deputy director, KIM Un-ok (6855/6663/3768); chief of the commercial section, IM Yong-chun (2651/7893/0193); chief of the Purchasing Section, O Pong-hui (0702/7685/3556); and warehouse foreman, PAK Kŏm-chun (2613/0093/0193).

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1. According to available information dating from 1947 to March 1951 this ministry was known as the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. According to [REDACTED] in mid-February 1951 CHONG Il-yong was appointed Minister of Industry to replace CHANG Si-u. Information

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dated late 1951 indicated that CHONG Il-yong was Minister of Industry and CHANG Si-u was Minister of Commerce. According to Radio P'yongyang on 26 May 1952, the North Korean government abolished the Ministry of Industry on 5 March 1952 and created the Ministry of Heavy Industry and the Ministry of Light Industry.

2. According to Radio P'yongyang on 26 May 1952, PAEK Hong-kwŏn was Minister of Industry prior to the abolition of the Ministry.

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